PROPOSALS

To the High Court of

PARLIAMENT,

For Finishing the Ancient and Present State of

SCOTLAND.

1. THis Work consists of two Volumes, the first gives an Account of the Ancient and Present State of the Nation, the Contents whereof have already been laid before the High Court of Parliament; The second Volume consists only of fine Sculptures, and the whole Design when finished, will be one of the finest Things which was ever published for any Nation: It will contain the Plans and Prospects of the Kings old Castles and Palaces, as also the chiefest Houses of the Nobility and Gentrey, with an Account when they were Built, by which the World may see, that in these days they were als considerable as other Buildings of this kind which were then Extant; Some of our modern Edifices will compeat with many in other Nations, the Ruines of such magnificent Monasteries as shall be here insert, and the variety of so many pleasant Prospects of Towns, will testifie the same.

2. The Armorial Atchivements of all the Nobility of *Scotland*, with their Supporters, Crests and Mottos, are to be engraven by the best Artists in *England*, as also the intire Coats of Arms of the chiefest Barons in this Nation, with two or three Lynes of Description, relating to the Families they are descended of; To which will be added the Arms of all the Royal Burghs, and the Names of their chief Magistrats for the time.

3. The Solemnities used at the Baptizms of the Princes of *Scotland*, the Funerals of the Kings, Dukes, and other Peers, and the way of Ryding the Parliament, is to be represented in fine Sculptures; by which it will appear, that Solemnities of this Nature are performed here with as much Magnificence as in other parts of the World.

4. The above-mentioned two Volumes will contain about Ten Quair of Royal Paper, consisting of above 140 large Talliduces or Prints, the rest will be the Description of the State of the Nation, and nothing relating to it is to be published, before it be approven by such as shall be appointed to revise the same. The Paper will cost 40. *sh. sterling* the Rim, so that the very Paper, and the Printing of the Copper-Plates will be 30 *sh. Sterling*: And Captain *Slezer* obliges himself to furnish the Liedges with these two Volumes in Sheets, at Thirty *sh. sterling*, that is to say, without a Penny of Profite to himself.

5. For ordering of which, he only proposes to be reimbursed of the Charges which he hath already bestowed for carrying on this Work. The said Charges as is instructed to the Right Honourable Committee of Trade, do amount to upwards of 1200 *lib. sterling*. And it hath been likewise made appear, that to finish the same, it will require at least, as much before any Copy can be Printed or taken off.

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6. From which it is evident, that the Expense of this Undertaking, can never be reimburſed by the Sale of the Book; becauſe the Price would riſe ſo exceſſive high, that it could not be ſold under Six pounds *ſterling*. And all the Advantage Captain *Slezer* propoſes to himſelf, in furniſhing the Leidges with theſe Books at the ſame Price they ſtand him, is the expectation he hath to diſpoſe of a few of theſe Copies, at a greater Rate in other places of the World.

7. It will be neceſſary to know in time, how many of the Leidges are deſirous of theſe Books, that Paper may be provided accordingly. For clearing of which, Captain *Slezer* deſigns to inform himſelf of it by way of Subſcription, and to convince the World of the Sincerity of his Intention: he deſigns to take no Subſcription money, till ſuch time as the Privy Council ſhall order the ſame: but he deſires it may be Conſigned in every Shire, in the Collectors hands, or any other who ſhall be appointed to receive the ſame; to wit, fifteen *ſhillings* at the Subſcription, and the ſaid perſons appointed to be obliged, not to make any payment of it to Captain *Slezer*, or to any by his order, till it be intimat to them by ſome of the Privy Council, that the Work is ſo far advanced, that the Money Collected for this uſe may be payed to Captain *Slezer*. The reſt of the Subſcription-money is to be payed at the delivery of the Book; as is uſual in the like Caſes, of which a more particular Account and Intimation ſhall be given hereafter.